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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6732

BILL NUMBER: SB 271

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Joint Chiefs of Public Safety.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Head

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Joint Chief of Public Safety-* The bill provides that the city executive of a third-class city may appoint a joint chief of public safety instead of appointing both a fire chief and police chief. The bill requires the city executive to designate the joint chief as a member of the fire or police department. The bill establishes requirements for appointment as a joint chief of public safety.

1977 Pension and Disability Fund- The bill specifies that a joint chief who otherwise qualifies for participation in the 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and Disability Fund may participate in the fund. The bill makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *1977 Pension and Disability Fund-* It is not known how many joint chiefs would be hired and would desire or need to purchase service credit as a result of this proposal. The impact would vary by locality and would depend on city executive action.

Joint Chief of Public Safety- Any savings that could result from the elimination of a police and fire chief for a joint chief would depend on local action. [There are approximately 98 third-class cities that this proposal could affect.]

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Public Employees' Retirement Fund as administrators of the 1977 Fund.

Local Agencies Affected: Third-class cities.

Information Sources:

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